

LAWN CARE TIPS FOR SPRING

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IT'S STARTING TO GET BEAUTIFUL OUTSIDE AGAIN! THE TEMPERATURE IS RISING, THE SUN IS STICKING AROUND LONGER, AND LAWN CARE IS QUICKLY RISING TO THE TOP OF YOUR MIND.

You've already started planning out how many barbecues you're going to have this year and all of the new memories you are going to create in your yard.

There's only one problem. The lawn you see when you look outside is nothing like the lush, green, weed-free yard that you see in your mind. In fact, your lawn looks so far from the one in your mind that you're not even sure where to start.

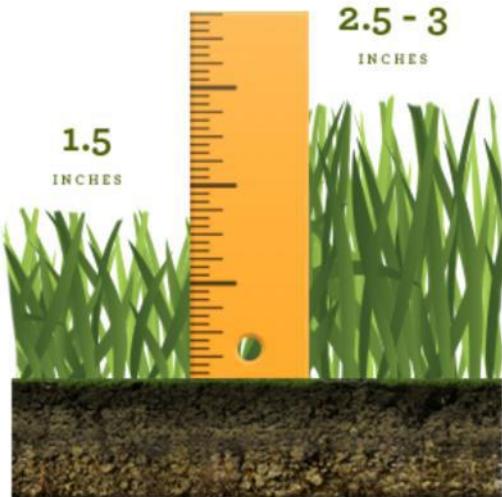
Our GreenKeepers love your lawn almost as much as you do so we created this guide to help you get your lawn started in the right direction this Spring. When you need help with weed control, aerating, over seeding, and fertilizing, you can book any of our services directly online. [Check out our packages](#) for pricing and more information.

Mowing

THE FIRST THING YOU WANT TO DO IS SHARPEN YOUR MOWER BLADE.

A dull blade will tear the grass, rather than cut it, and it will make your lawn more susceptible to disease and may cause it to turn a dull brown colour.





YOUR FIRST FEW MOWINGS SHOULD BE DONE WITH YOUR MOWER SET ON A LOWER SETTING.

This allows sun, water, and nutrients to get to the base of your grass to help it get started. Raise your mower height every 1-2 weeks until it is around $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3" high. This higher height helps to protect the root system from the sun and retain moisture as it gets hotter during the summer.

HOW OFTEN YOU NEED TO MOW IS DETERMINED BY HOW FAST YOUR GRASS GROWS.

You want to remove $\frac{1}{3}$ of the blade or less, any more than that and it will shock your grass. It's also easier on your lawn to mow it in the evening, when the sun is not beating down on it.



Watering



ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN CULTIVATING A HEALTHY, BEAUTIFUL LAWN IS PROPER WATERING.

Place a tuna fish can in the path of the sprinkler. Once full, you've given your lawn enough to drink. Ensure your lawn get this much water every week.

TO KEEP YOUR LAWN'S THIRST QUENCHED, WATER THREE TIMES A WEEK.

The best time to water your lawn is early in the morning, when the sun is starting to rise. You'll lose more water to evaporation if you water in the afternoon while the sun is shining. You'll leave the grass too wet, promoting fungus growth, if you water in the evening.

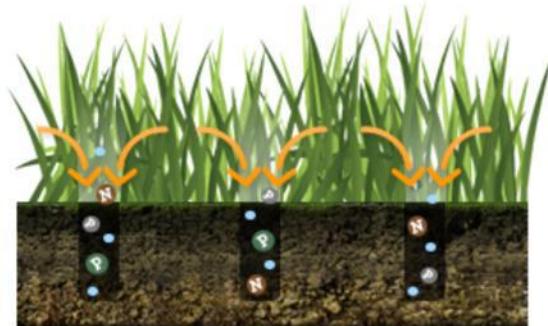


YOU MAY NOT HAVE THE TIME OR ENERGY TO WATER YOUR LAWN EARLY IN THE MORNING, BUT THERE IS ANOTHER WAY.

Now that you know how long you need to water for, pick up a water timer at the hardware store and set it to automatically water your lawn in the morning.

Aerating

Over time the soil in your lawn becomes compacted, reducing the air pockets that allow nutrients and water to reach the roots of your grass. To combat this, make sure your lawn is aerated annually. Spring is an ideal time to do this and gives your lawn the best chance to receive the nutrients and water it needs to grow healthy all season long.



Over Seeding



**OVER SEEDING YOUR LAWN IS
IMPORTANT TO DO EACH YEAR FOR A
LUSH, HEALTHY, WEED-FREE LAWN.**

As your lawn ages it becomes tired and grass reproduction rates slow down. Nobody likes the look of unhealthy areas in their lawn, but more than not looking good, these areas make it easier for weeds to take over. Spread grass seed over your entire lawn at the recommended rate once the last snow has disappeared. New grass will pop up and fill in those unhealthy spots and contribute to your beautiful outside.

Fertilizing

GIVE IT THE NUTRIENTS IT NEEDS TO THRIVE.

Now that your lawn is properly aerated and over seeded, an application of fertilizer at the beginning of spring will help give your lawn a head-start and one during late spring will help feed your grass as it hits its peak growing season in the summer. Broadleaf weeds are also fed by your fertilizer applications, so make sure you pull or treat them as they appear.



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